May I know which M.L.A. is included as a representative of the Harijans so far as Malabar is concerned? If there are more than one name, may I know the basis of selection?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:—"Speaking from memory, I would say the hon. Member Sri Chadayan has been nominated to the committee from Malabar."

Opening of High Schools in South Arcot in 1953–54.

* 285 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of High Schools opened in South Arcot district during 1953–54; and

(*b*) the number of applications received requesting sanction of the Government to open High Schools in 1953–54?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"(*a*) Two Middle Schools and two incomplete High Schools.

"(*b*) Five applications were made to the Director of Public Instruction. Representations were subsequently made to Government in two of these cases."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN:—"May I know from whom the applications have been received requesting sanction of Government to open high schools in 1953–54? May I also know whether the Government have sanctioned or going to sanction the opening of a school in Olakkur in Tindivanam taluk?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"In respect of the middle schools, the District Board applied for sanction to open the schools in Chiravangadu and Olakkur. Private agencies applied for the opening of a High School in Kurinchipadi and Tindivanam."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER:—"The request for sanction of the opening of a school in Olakkur in Tindivanam taluk was submitted by the President of the District Board of South Arcot. The request is still pending. Final orders have not been issued yet. Will the Government be pleased to see that the request is complied with at least this year?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"I shall consider the suggestion of the hon. Member."

Reduction in the prices of pesticides and insecticides.

* 286 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have, since 1st January 1954, passed any orders for reducing the prices of any articles that are sold through the Agriculture Department; and

(*b*) if so, what those articles are?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Pesticides and insecticides used for controlling pests and diseases of crops; the prices of these have been reduced from 75 per cent of cost price to 50 per cent of cost price in pest affected areas."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI :—" இதைத் தவிர விவசாயக் கருவிகளையும் விவசாயிகளுக்கு குறைந்த விலையில் விற்க சர்க்கார் முன் வருமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" There is no proposal at present to supply all agricultural implements at concessional rates."

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMI MUDALIAR :—" Is there any proposal to enhance the price of these insecticides from 1st April 1954? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" No, Sir. But the question of concession will have to be reviewed according to the intensity of the pest attack again from 1st April 1954."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" பெருவாரியாக பூச்சிகள் விழுந்த பிரதேசங்களில் இந்தப் பூச்சி மருந்தை இலவசமாக வினியோகிக்க இந்தச் சர்க்கார் ஏதாவது நடவடிக்கை எடுத்ததா ? அப்படி எடுக்காவிட்டால் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்காததற்குக் காரணமாவது சொல்லமுடியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Only 50 per cent concession was extended to the districts of North Arcot, South Arcot, Chingleput, Tirunelveli and Tiruchirapalli. It was felt further concessions were not justified. After all, it works out to Rs. 3–12–0 per acre at this concessional rate."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Are the Government aware that there are grievances that these pesticides are not easily available and will the Government try to distribute, if they are not already doing so, these pesticides through co-operative societies? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Previously, when there was a sudden pest attack in some of the districts there were complaints regarding the inadequate supply of pesticides. But now, our agricultural depots are fully stocked with these pesticides. We are prepared to supply through co-operative societies also if they undertake to supply it to agriculturists."

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM :—" தஞ்சாவூர் ஜில்லாவிலுள்ள பயிர்களில் பூச்சிகள் விழுந்தபோது, அதை ஒழிப்பதற்குப் போதுமான பூச்சி மருந்துகள் அந்த ஜில்லாவிலுள்ள டெப்போக்களில் இல்லை. அதனால், ஏராளமான பயிர்கள் நாசமாகிவிட்டன. ஆகவே, இனிமேலாவது அந்த ஜில்லாவிலுள்ள டெப்போக்களில் எப்போதும் மருந்துகள் வைத்துக்கொள்வதற்கு வேண்டிய ஏற்பாட்டை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் செய்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I cannot admit that the attack was as widespread as the hon. Member complains of in Tanjore. But there is sufficient stock of pesticides in the agricultural depots in Tanjore also. If there is any depot which has not got stock, I would look into it."

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SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" In view of the fact that the second crop has completely failed in Malabar, will the Government come forward to supply paddy seeds to the ryots of Malabar at concessional rates? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" This question is about insecticides and pesticides. The hon. Member may put a separate question. "

Grant of loans to agriculturists of Arni Jagir.

* 287 *Q.*—SRI V. K. KANNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any branch of the Madras Co-operative Land Mortgage Bank is functioning in Arni ; and

(*b*) whether they are advancing any loans to agriculturists, who are owning lands in the villages of Arni Jagir, and if not, why?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) No, Sir. The Madras Co-operative Central Land Mortgage Bank has no branches of its own in any part of the State.

" (*b*) The following five villages of Arni Jagir are included in the area of operations of the Wallajah Co-operative Land Mortgage Bank, which is a Primary Bank affiliated to the Madras Co-operative Central Land Mortgage Bank :—

(1) Rantham.

(2) Kanigiluppai.

(3) Korathur.

(4) Vadakkumedu.

(5) Panayur.

The survey and settlement of the villages in the Jagir have not been done. Land Mortgage Banks do not sanction loans on the security of lands which are not surveyed and settled. The Wallajah Land Mortgage Bank has not therefore entertained loan applications from any of the five villages included in its juridiction and belonging to the Arni Jagir."

Expenditure incurred on the Parulekar Committee.

10-50 a.m. * 288 *Q.*—SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the total expenditure incurred by the Government on account of constitution and working of the Parulekar Committee?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Rs. 2,744–8–0."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" பருலேகர் கமிட்டி எந்தெந்த ஜில்லாக்களில் சுற்றுப்பிரயாணம் செய்தார்களென்பதையும், சுற்றுப்பிரயாணத்திற்கான செலவு எவ்வளவு என்பதையும் கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் தெரிவிப்பார்களா ? "